

## Message Text

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ACTION SAB-02

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15  
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R 011333Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 873  
INFO PANCANAL  
USCINCSO

UNCLAS PANAMA 1388

DEPT. PASS S/AB, MR. LAZAR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, PN  
SUBJECT: CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: WEEKEND MEDIA REACTION

1. WEEKEND MEDIA COVERAGE/COMMENT ON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WAS  
SCANT. SATURDAY "MATUTINO" (PRO-GOP) PRINTED DEPARTMENT FEB. 24  
PRESS RELEASE ON THE END OF THE LATEST ROUND. FEB. 28  
"MATUTINO" FRONT-PAGED PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JARRIN'S COMMENTS  
(TAKEN FROM LIMA PRESS) ON IMPORTANCE OF CANAL'S NEUTRALITY IN  
NEGOTIATIONS, AND DECLINING STRATEGIC AND COMMERCIAL VALUE OF  
CANAL ITSELF TO U.S. FEB. 28 "CRITICA" COLUMN "PISANDO CALLOS"  
SCOFFED AT U.S. INSISTENCE ON A CANAL NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE  
FORMULA BY ARGUING THAT (1) NEUTRALITY CAN BE GUARANTEED BY  
RIO TREATY, AND (2) BY FORCE MAJEUR.  
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## Message Attributes

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